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A JOB THAT PAYS OFF

How can you set yourself up for scholarship success? Start by thinking of high school as a job – a job that pays off in merit-based scholarships and other financial aid.

First Impressions

Applying for scholarships can be a lot like applying for a job. The first thing the employer (or scholarship grantor) sees is a piece of paper with your qualifications. Why do you deserve a scholarship?

My diploma goal: ☐ Core 40 ☐ Core 40 with Academic Honors (AHD) ☐ Core 40 with Technical Honors (THD)
☐ International Baccalaureate ☐ General diploma

My current GPA: _____ **My GPA goal for high school:** _____

I plan to take... ☐ Advanced Placement (AP) courses ☐ Dual-credit courses ☐ International Baccalaureate courses

I participate in these extracurricular activities: _____

Before I graduate from high school, I also plan to participate in (if applicable): _____

Digging Deeper

In addition to the information listed above, scholarship applications often include an essay or even a personal interview. Just like an employer is likely to bring you in for an interview if your résumé looks good, a scholarship grantor will want to know more about you if you make a good first impression.

Pick one of the following: ☐ A community foundation scholarship for an outstanding citizen
☐ A public college's scholarship for students with your intended major

**Write one paragraph about why you will make an excellent candidate for this scholarship.
Why will you stand out from the rest?**

Remember: Scholarships aren't automatic. Plan on spending time during your senior year applying for scholarships from many sources.

